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**From:** Mattox, Marc  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 1:20 PM  
**To:** St. John, Paige  
**Subject:** Re: LA Times: available to talk briefly?

Sure thing I'll bring what I have access to.

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**From:** St. John, Paige <paige.stjohn@latimes.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 7, 2018 1:07 PM  
**To:** Mattox, Marc  
**Subject:** RE: LA Times: available to talk briefly?

Thanks Marc.

One thing that Mr. Broshears described are the fire scenarios and evacuation analyses that lay behind the zone evacuation plans drawn up by the town. I am looking for copies of those, to get a better understanding of what Paradise had believed it likely had to prepare for.

Looking forward to seeing you Monday,  
Paige

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**From:** Mattox, Marc [mailto:mmattox@townofparadise.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 07, 2018 1:01 PM  
**To:** St. John, Paige  
**Subject:** Re: LA Times: available to talk briefly?

Ok we will keep it just us and meet you at Skyway and Pearson Road at 10:00 AM on Monday

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**From:** St. John, Paige <paige.stjohn@latimes.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 3:08 PM  
**To:** Mattox, Marc  
**Subject:** Re: LA Times: available to talk briefly?

In the field is fine- whatever is convenient for your team! I am happy to eavesdrop with the station - I am sure some of the questions are shared- but I'm an investigative reporter so don't want to ask other questions before other reporters. As this isn't for a daily story, I also have time to follow up.

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2018, at 2:51 PM, Mattox, Marc <[mmattox@townofparadise.com](mailto:mmattox@townofparadise.com)> wrote:

Hi Paige, one other question I have is that our local news station is interested in setting up a similar interview on this as well. Would you be opposed to a news station meeting us at the same time? This would be the most efficient for our staff. Also thought it might be a good idea to meet in the field in Paradise instead of Chico. Thoughts?

Marc

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**From:** St. John, Paige <[paige.stjohn@latimes.com](mailto:paige.stjohn@latimes.com)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 6, 2018 9:16 AM  
**To:** Mattox, Marc  
**Subject:** Re: LA Times: available to talk briefly?

It does, and I know the location well. I'll see you there Monday morning!  
Regards,  
Paige

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 6, 2018, at 8:50 AM, Mattox, Marc <[mmattox@townofparadise.com](mailto:mmattox@townofparadise.com)> wrote:

Hi Paige, scheduling was a little difficult but we can make 10am on Monday work. We can meet in Chico at the Fire Training Center (901 fir street). Please advise if this will work for you.

Thanks

Marc

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**From:** St. John, Paige <[paige.stjohn@latimes.com](mailto:paige.stjohn@latimes.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 4, 2018 3:12 PM  
**To:** Mattox, Marc  
**Subject:** Re: LA Times: available to talk briefly?

Absolutely! I think that is a wonderful idea.  
Let me know a time and location and I will be there.  
Paige

Sent from my iPhone

On Dec 4, 2018, at 3:05 PM, Mattox, Marc <[mmattox@townofparadise.com](mailto:mmattox@townofparadise.com)> wrote:

Hi Paige:

Thank you for reaching out. I would be glad to meet and discuss this. I have conferred with our Fire and Police Chiefs and we would like to meet with you as a group to provide the most information as possible. Are you available on Friday?

Thank you,

Marc Mattox

**From:** St. John, Paige <[paige.stjohn@latimes.com](mailto:paige.stjohn@latimes.com)>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 4, 2018 2:14 PM  
**To:** Mattox, Marc <[mmatttox@townofparadise.com](mailto:mmatttox@townofparadise.com)>  
**Subject:** LA Times: available to talk briefly?

Marc,

Are you available this week to talk briefly about Paradise's wildland planning? I spoke with Jim Broshears about capacity and the scenarios the town ran in the past. I'd like to run all that past you as well, to better understand what the community envisioned it needed to plan for and could handle, and could not.

And from that, what lessons in disaster planning might be applicable to other forest communities in our beloved foothills.

I'm based north of Sacramento, but need about a 2-hour advance for any chance you have to meet.

Let me know,  
Paige St. John  
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**From:** Mattox, Marc  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 5:30 PM  
**To:** St. John, Paige  
**Subject:** Re: LATimes: follow up questions

Hi Paige, thanks for your patience. As you can imagine, I've been laser focused in trying to get this town open as soon as possible so our community's healing can begin. I've received your requests and I'll see what I have access to. I'll provide you a better update by this time tomorrow.

Thanks again,

Marc

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**From:** St. John, Paige <paige.stjohn@latimes.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 5:27 PM  
**To:** Mattox, Marc  
**Subject:** LATimes: follow up questions

**Hi Marc,**  
**I sent some additional questions yesterday and today. Let me know if you can answer them informally. I can file a formal PRA but thought that might not be the best route given your willingness to discuss these issues, and the incredible work load I am sure everyone faces at this time.**  
**Again,**  
**Thanks,**  
**Paige St. John**  
**LA Times cell 213.327.5779**

**From:** St. John, Paige  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 12, 2018 1:12 PM  
**To:** Mattox, Marc  
**Subject:** Evacuating disabled residents...

Marc,  
I also forgot to ask Monday if there were advance provisions in Paradise, either by the town police or another entity, for evacuation assistance to those disabled.  
I know that those needing assistance were encouraged to call 911 as part of the CodeRed warnings.  
Some communities have advance registries, or plan with social services agencies.  
Who with the town should I talk to about this?

Thanks  
Paige St John  
Los Angeles Times  
Cell 213.327.5779

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**From:** St. John, Paige  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 11, 2018 12:43 PM  
**To:** 'Mattox, Marc'  
**Subject:** Evacuation planning ... followup

Marc,

Thanks again for your extensive time yesterday in Paradise.

Jim Broshears mentioned some road capacity studies that the town did around 2008, estimating how many vehicles could move out at various speeds (5 mph, 10 mph...) for at least Skyway North. He thinks Dennis Schmidt was the town engineer at the time who did that. Have you seen anything like that afoot? I'd like to be able to state what the road capacities of Skyway heading west, Pentz, Clark and Neal were if any of those were known.

Also, can you share any materials on the tabletop exercise that David and you referenced? Understanding the kind of scenarios the town planned and exercised for will help provide context and contrast for a "normal" emergency. I am interested in anything that describes the scenario itself, and how large of an evacuation it would have triggered, and how long the estimated evacuation time would have been.

I'll send you the results of the RtePM simulation. My first pass with the software gave me an 8-hour evacuation estimate for the entire town, under blue sky conditions, but without contraflow.

When setting up contraflow on Skyway, was a lane kept open for emergency vehicles trying to get in? Radio dispatch appears to show the first call to start contraflow on Skyway shortly after 9 a.m., on Pentz by 9:34 a.m., and that by 9:45 a.m., the only lane into town kept open was on Clark. Does all that timing seem correct?

In the lessons-learned category, Broshears said he would like sirens.

Is there anything on your list? Less vegetation so close to the roads? Non-burning power poles? Is it realistic to talk about limiting population growth?

Again, my thanks.  
Paige St John  
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